

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached two (2) sheets of drawings include new FIGS. 10-11 depicting an embodiment in which a line is folded in the distribution trough (FIG. 10) and embodiment in which a power supply chain is folded in the distribution trough (FIG. 11).

Attachment: Two (2) new sheets of drawings (FIGS. 10-11)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims are 3, 6-17, and 20-48.

Claims 45 and 46 have been amended to be more specifically directed to embodiments of the distribution device wherein at least one line is folded in the distribution trough (claim 45) and wherein the power supply chain is folded in the distribution trough (claim 46).

New claims 47 and 48 have been added to be more specifically directed to embodiments wherein the distribution surface has at least one distribution-surface magnet (claim 47) and wherein the distribution trough has at least one distribution-trough magnet (claim 48).

In addition, claims 2, 4-5 and 19 have been canceled, and claims 3, 6-14, 20-27, 29-32, 34-42 and 44 have been amended to improve their form or in view of the amendments to claims 45 and 46 and the new claims 47 and 48.

New FIGS. 10 and 11 have been added showing embodiments in

which a line is folded in the distribution trough and in which a power supply chain is folded in the distribution trough, respectively, and the specification has been amended to refer to new FIGS. 10 and 11. In addition, the specification has been amended to remove reference to the claims.

Reconsideration is expressly requested.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of telephone interviews on December 22, 2008 and December 24, 2008, the substance of which is set forth herein. The Examiner had indicated that in his view, the claims needed to be clarified to more specifically be directed to the embodiments in which the line or the power supply chain has a first section or upper stringer suspended over a second section or lower stringer and the embodiments in which the line/power supply chain is suspended in the distribution trough. The Examiner also believed that the claims should be amended to improve their form for clarification purposes.

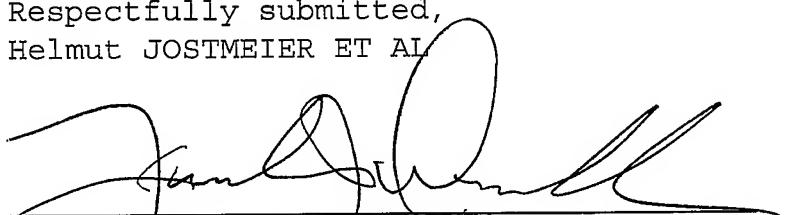
During the interviews, the amendments set forth herein were discussed and the Examiner indicated that these amendments would

address the concerns that he had raised. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 45-48 and the dependent claims are now in condition for allowance.

In summary, claims 3, 6-14, 20-27, 29-32, 34-42 and 45-46 have been amended, claims 2, 4-5 and 19 have been canceled, and new claims 47 and 48 have been added. The specification has also been amended, and new FIGS. 10 and 11 have been added.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Applicants' Deposit Account Number 03-2468 in the amount of \$220.00 in payment of one (1) additional independent claim over those previously paid for. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the claims be allowed and that this application be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,  
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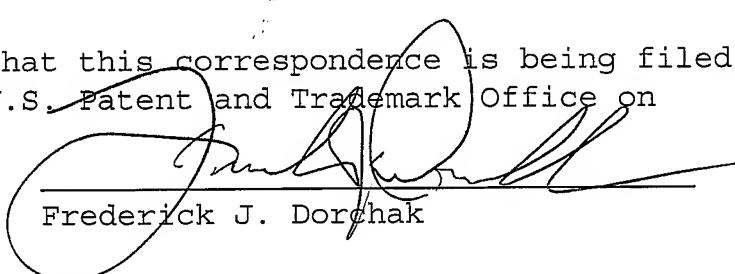


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Enclosures: Two (2) New sheets of drawings (FIGS. 10-11)

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